ACTION: Notice of Public Meeting for the Technical Guidelines Development Committee

DATE & TIME: Wednesday, April 20th and Thursday, April 21st, 2005, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

PLACE: National Institute of Standards and Technology 100 Bureau Drive, Building 101 Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899-8900

STATUS: This meeting will be open to the public. There is no fee to attend, but, due to security requirements, advance registration is required. Registration information is available at: https://rproxy.nist.gov/CRS/conf_ext.cfm?conf_id=1466

Please make sure you provide special needs in the space allotted on the registration form. Also, on the form, leave the amount due at 0\$. (Note: Advance registration closes April 14, 2005) This meeting will also be web cast. The URL for the web cast will be available at the http://vote.nist.gov web site approximately one week before the meeting.

SUMMARY: The Technical Guidelines Development Committee (the "Development Committee") has scheduled a plenary meeting for April 20th and 21st, 2005. The Committee was established to act in the public interest to assist the Executive Director of the Election Assistance Commission in the development of the voluntary voting system guidelines. The Development Committee held previous meetings on July 9th, 2004; January 18 and 19, 2005; and March 9th, 2005. The purpose of the fourth meeting of the Development Committee will be to review and approve a draft of the recommendations for voluntary voting system standards. The draft document will respond to tasks defined in resolutions passed at previous Technical Guideline Development Committee meetings.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Technical Guidelines Development Committee (the "Development Committee") has scheduled a plenary meeting for April 20th and 21st, 2005. The Committee was established pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 15361, to act in the public interest to assist the Executive Director of the Election Assistance Commission in the development of the voluntary voting system guidelines. The Technical Guidelines Development Committee held their first plenary meeting on July 9, 2004. At this meeting, the Development Committee agreed to a resolution forming three working groups: (1) Human Factors & Privacy; (2) Security & Transparency; and (3) Core Requirements & Testing to gather information and public input on relevant issues. The information gathered by the working groups was analyzed at the second meeting of the Development Committee January 18 & 19, 2005. Resolutions were debated and adopted by the TGDC at the January plenary session. The resolutions defined technical work tasks for NIST that will assist the TGDC in developing recommendations for voluntary voting system guidelines. At the March 9, 2005 meeting, NIST scientists presented preliminary reports on technical work tasks defined in resolutions adopted at the January plenary meeting and adopted one additional resolution. The Development Committee will review a draft document of initial recommendations for voluntary voting system guidelines at the April 20th & 21st, 2005 meeting.

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